

cuit Court for Wicomico county, that he will diligently and faithfully without partiality, favor or prejudice, well and truly perform the duties of Mayor or Councilman of said city, as the case may be, which oath shall be recorded in the office of said clerk, and a certificate of which oath shall be returned by said clerk to the Mayor and Council of said city and recorded amongst the proceedings of said Council, both of which records or a certified copy of either of them under seal may be used as evidence in any court of the State.

1908, ch. 310, sec. 140 (p. 1103).

269. If any vacancy shall occur in the office of Mayor or Councilman by death, removal, resignation, failure to qualify or otherwise, the remaining Councilmen at their next regular meeting, or a meeting called for that purpose, shall elect a qualified person to be Mayor or Councilman, as the case may be, to fill such vacancy or vacancies, to serve until the next election and until his or their successor or successors are qualified, who shall take the oath hereinbefore prescribed and in same manner, which oath shall be certified to and recorded in proceedings of the Council in same manner as if they had been originally elected to said vacant office, and at the next annual election the qualified voters shall elect a qualified person to fill the said vacancy for the unexpired term.

1908, ch. 310, sec. 141 (p. 1104). 1916, ch. 265, sec. 141. 1927, ch. 138, sec. 141.

270. All ordinances and by-laws passed by the City Council shall be delivered by the Clerk of the Council at once, or as soon as conveniently may be, to the Mayor for his approval. He shall return the same to the Clerk of the said City Council within six days after delivery to him, inclusive of the day of delivery and its return, with his approval or disapproval; and any ordinance or by-law returned by the Mayor without his approval shall not become a law unless subsequently passed at a meeting by four-fifths of the whole Council, and within twenty days from the time of the return of the said ordinance, and if he shall fail to return same within six days of its delivery as aforesaid, then the said ordinance or by-law shall become a law without his approval. The Mayor shall see that all ordinances and by-laws of the City be strictly enforced; he shall after each annual election report to the Council the condition of municipal affairs, with such recommendations as he deems proper for the public good and welfare of the City; he shall appoint the officers herein provided, and he is hereby given full control of the police officers who shall receive orders from him and execute them according to law and ordinances. The Mayor when he deems it to the best interest of the City and for cause may suspend any police officer without pay for a period not exceeding one month. He shall report to the Council his action and if he deems it advisable for the best interest of the City, he may prefer charges against such officers to the Council, who shall try said officers as herein provided. And the Mayor shall receive an annual salary of Six Hundred Dollars.